FILED Bureau of Real Estate 320 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., # 350 Los Angeles, CA 90013 (213) 576-6982 BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE 7 BEFORE THE BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 In the Matter of the Pre-Licensing ) 11 H- 39549 LA Course Offerings of 12 DENNIS REAL ESTATE COLLEGE, 13 Sponsor. 14 15 NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF PRE-LICENSING 16 COURSE OFFERING APPROVALS 17 DENNIS REAL ESTATE COLLEGE Dennis Sungsoo Kim 18 3030 W. Ball Road Anaheim, California 92804 19 20 RE: 1. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT 21 2. REAL ESTATE ECONOMICS 22 REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL 23 REAL ESTATE FINANCE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the provisions of Section 3003 of Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations ("Regulations") that the Real Estate Commissioner ("Commissioner") has caused an investigation to be made into the presentation of the pre-licensing course offerings identified in Paragraph 2, below, sponsored by DENNIS REAL ESTATE COLLEGE ("DENNIS") and previously approved by the Bureau of Real Estate of the State of California ("Bureau") as being equivalent in quality to courses offered by colleges and universities accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. On the basis of that investigation the Commissioner has determined that said courses no longer meet the statutory and regulatory standards for approval for prelicensing course offerings approved pursuant to the provisions of Business and Professions Code ("Code") Section 10153.5, describing the constitution of "an equivalent course of study," and that approval of said courses should be and hereby is withdrawn for the reasons set forth below:

- 1. DENNIS is the sponsor of the pre-licensing course offerings identified in Paragraph 2, below. DENNIS is owned and controlled by Dennis Sunsoo Kim ("DSK").
- 2. The Bureau issued to DENNIS approval for the following pre-licensing course offerings pursuant to Code Sections 10151, 10153.2, and 10153.5 and Sections 3000 and 3002

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Course No		<u>Date</u> Approved	Course Title
S0092-248	38-06	10/13/06	Property Management
S0092-248	37-06	10/13/06	Real Estate Economics
S0092-248	36-06	10/13/06	Real Estate Appraisal
S0092-248	35-06	10/13/06	Real Estate Finance
S0092-248	34-06	10/13/06	Legal Aspects of Real Estate
S0092-248	33-06	10/13/06	Real Estate Practice
S0092-191	1-03	09/23/03	Real Estate Principles

These courses were applied for and approved to be taught as correspondence courses.

- 3. Code Section 10151(c) provides, in relevant part, that an applicant to the examination for a real estate salesperson license shall include evidence or certification of successful completion of specified courses at an accredited institution or, in the alternative, successful completion of an equivalent course of study as defined in Code Section 10153.5.
- 4. An applicant to take the examination for an original real estate broker license shall submit evidence of successful completion of specified courses at an accredited institution. (Code Section 10153.2) Under Section 10153.2(b) the Commissioner shall waive the requirements for which an applicant has successfully completed an equivalent course of

study as determined under Section 10153.5.

- 4. Approval of the correspondence courses identified in Paragraph 2, above, was predicated upon DENNIS' compliance with Code Section 10153.5, and Sections 3000 and 3002 of the Regulations.
- 5. Section 3000 of the Regulations sets forth the criteria for approval of correspondence course offerings by the Bureau, including but not limited to the following requirements:
- (a) A correspondence course shall consist of not less than 15 separate lesson assignments. (Section 3000(a)(1))
- (b) A correspondence course must provide for a final examination administered and supervised by a person designated by the school for that purpose. The school shall send the final examination materials to the person so designated and the completed final examination shall be returned to the school by the person so designated. (Section 3000(a)(2)(B))
- (c) The school shall maintain records for each student sufficient to allow for the preparation of a duplicate certificate upon request by a student. (Section 3000(a)(3))
- (d) The school shall, within 15 days of a student's successful completion of the course, deliver a document to the student evidencing such completion. (Section 3000(a)(6))
- (e) The school shall have an appropriate method of assessing student knowledge of the subject, such as, but not

limited to, multiple choice, essay or oral examinations. (Section 3000(a)(7))

6. On or about October 31, 2012, Bureau Special Investigator David Huang ("SI Huang") and California Department of Business Oversight Examiner Daniel Kim ("Examiner Kim") went to the office of DENNIS located at 3030 W. Ball Road, Anaheim, California, to conduct an undercover investigation of the school. Examiner Kim, using the alias "Thomas D. Park," posed as a prospective real estate salesperson license applicant interested in signing up for the required pre-licensing coursework.

Examiner Kim was greeted by DENNIS' owner, DSK, who advised Examiner Kim that the salesperson license required the completion of three specified courses. Examiner Kim then stated to DSK that he was already familiar with the subject matter contained in the courses, and wanted to obtain the course completion certificates immediately without having to actually attend the courses or take the final examinations. In response DSK told Examiner Kim that he could provide the required course completion certificates to him within one hour if Examiner Kim paid \$300 for the courses and an additional \$450 for a set of lecture DVDs. Examiner Kim agreed to the price, and gave DSK a cash deposit of \$500 toward the total price of \$750 with the agreement that Examiner Kim would return to pay the balance due after going to his bank. DSK wrote "\$500" on the back of one of

his business cards and gave it to Examiner Kim as a receipt.

Later on the same day Examiner Kim returned to the DENNIS school and gave DSK \$250 in cash as the balance due for the agreed course completion certificates and DVDs. DSK then handed Examiner Kim a three-page examination with corresponding answer sheets, and instructed Examiner Kim to answer the questions exactly as shown on the answer sheets. DSK explained to Examiner Kim that a certain number of the questions were designed to be answered incorrectly to make the examination results appear to be more "authentic." Examiner Kim completed the examinations in about fifteen (15) minutes using the provided answer sheets. DSK then printed out three course completion certificates bearing DENNIS' name and address, and handed them to Examiner Kim. The course certificates were for the following courses: Real Estate Principles, Real Estate Practice and Real Estate Economics.

The course completion certificates provided to Examiner Kim by DSK were each backdated to falsely represent that sufficient time had elapsed between Examiner Kim's registration for the courses and the final exam date to comply with the provisions of the Section 3000 of the Regulations.

7. The conduct described in Paragraph 6, above, insofar as it alleges the sale of course completion certificates without the bona-fide completion of coursework and the taking and passage of a final examination, constitutes the

failure by DENNIS and DSK to perform in accordance with the conditions to the approval of the courses identified in Paragraph 2, above, including those of Code Sections 10151, 10153.2, and 10153.5 and Section 3000 of the Regulations, and is grounds for the withdrawal of approval of all pre-licensing course offerings identified in Paragraph 2, above, pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 10153.5 and Section 3003 of the Regulations.

- 8. Based on the foregoing, the Commissioner has determined that the courses identified in Paragraph 2, above, no longer meet the prescribed statutory and regulatory standards for approval under Code Section 10153.5 and Section 3000 of the Regulations as being equivalent in quality to courses offered by colleges and universities accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and therefore, approval of said courses should be and hereby is withdrawn pursuant to the provisions of Section 3003 of the Regulations.
- 9. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3003 of the Regulations, the withdrawal of approval of all the course offerings identified in Paragraph 2, above, will be effective thirty (30) days after the notice of withdrawal is received by the sponsor unless the sponsor earlier files a written request for hearing on the withdrawal action. If the request for hearing is received by the Commissioner before 30 days after the date of receipt of notice of withdrawal by the sponsor, the

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withdrawal of approval shall not be effective unless and until ordered by the Commissioner pursuant to findings and conclusions reached after hearing pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code. The hearing shall be commenced within 30 days after receipt of the request for hearing unless continued to a later day by order of the Commissioner, or by agreement of the parties as provided in Section 3003 of the JUL 2 1 2014 Regulations.

DATED

COMMISSIONER

By: JEFFTEY MASON Chief Deputy Commissioner

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